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49/53 recliners, grey graffiti moquette, centre sunken demountable toilet, continental door, double glazed tinted side windows with pull-down blinds, courier seat, wired TV/video, power entrance door, finished all white. M.O.T. OCTOBER 1998

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### 1991 VOLVO B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M

49 recliners, grey/orange moquette, centre sunken demountable toilet, continental door, tinted side windows with blinds, courier seat, water boiler, power entrance door, finished all white. M.O.T. OCT. 1998

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C/2301/07

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# Letters

## Seat belts - not much change

**From: Tim Jennings  
Director, Somerbus Ltd  
64 Brookside, Paulton  
Bristol, BS39 7YR.**

Following your recent publication of my letter regarding proposed seat belt MoT testing, I received yesterday a copy of the amended details for seat belt checks from the DETR. Unlike some commentators who believe the Government has 'backed off', I can see few changes, and still fewer which will be helpful to operators.

The obvious change is that the MoT testing of seat belts has been deferred until 1 August from the proposed 10 February. This will allow the DoT to train their testing staff and gives operators time to undertake the many modifications which may well be required. There is a sting in the tail, however, as seat belts will also become

a target for roadside enforcement from 1 August; any vehicles found to have sub-standard installations after this date may be subject to a prohibition.

The other main change is that drilling of tubular steel seat frames to allow belts to be bolted to the frame (i.e. Van Hool) will be accepted where 'a manufacturer has approved the installation and the operator presents a certificate issued by the manufacturer or its agent declaring that the installation is satisfactory.' To be useful, this clause obviously relies on a good deal of co-operation from the manufacturer and dealers. The only vehicles which will be exempted from needing the additional installation check are those which have been given type-approval - this basically means only factory built

minibuses from Ford (new generation 11/15 seat Transits built from 10/91 onwards) and some later LDVs. Any other certificate to show that a seat belt installation meets ECE regulation 14 or Community Directive 76/115 may be deemed helpful, but will NOT replace the need for an installation check.

The other major change to the requirements is one which will result in considerable extra modification. Where seats are fitted on tubular H frame legs with the seat belts mounted to the frame, as well as butressing the rear foot it will now be necessary to fit a diagonal brace (see diagram 6). There can be few minibuses which will not require major engineering.

The rest of the requirements are much as published in the consultation document - strengthening brackets will be needed on

Dominant seats, Supreme seats on claw-foot tracking will need the rear foot bolting through the floor, and any bolts not fitted to a substantial structure will require spreading plates.

The DETR are promising to send an advice leaflet shortly to as many operators as possible. A training video for MoT testers is also available from the VI for £11 (Tel: 0117 954 3291). Test stations may be able to carry out pre-MoT checks prior to August. I would urge operators who do not want to fail MoTs to make use of these offers.

Perhaps the only slight good news from this is that the regulations will, for once, apply to all vehicles carrying children, not just PSVs. This could well result in many of the elderly vehicles operated by youth groups being removed from the road.

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# News

## New chief executive for Stagecoach

Stagecoach Holdings has announced the appointment of Mike Kinski as group chief executive, effective from 20 April 1998. Mike, 45, joined the board of Stagecoach as a non-executive director in July 1997 and is presently a main board director of Scottish Power Plc - chief executive of the group's power distribution and water operations throughout the UK. He is also chairman of the group's subsidiaries, including Southern Water and Manweb.

Mike's duties at Stagecoach will include full executive responsibility for running the group's operations and acting as chair of

the executive committee. His appointment will enable Brian Souter, chairman of Stagecoach, to give greater attention to business development opportunities in the UK and overseas.

Commenting on the announcement, Brian Souter said, 'The appointment of Mike Kinski as chief executive will strengthen the existing management team and provide us with the structure and skills to continue the development of Stagecoach as a truly global transport company.'

Mike Kinski added, 'I am delighted to be joining Stagecoach at such an interesting stage in its develop-

ment. Having spent over five years with Scottish Power supporting the development of the company into one of the largest and most successful utility businesses in the UK, I now look forward to applying my skills and experience in another quality organisation with ambitious growth plans. My priorities will involve working closely with the management team to continue to improve the performance of our existing businesses, with a particular focus on customer service, as well as supporting Brian in the future development of the group.'

## First 0405Ns imminent

The first UK deliveries of the Mercedes Benz 0405N are imminent. The initial vehicles from a batch of 100 for Travel West Midlands have been noted at the Birmingham premises of Gerrard Mann, the Mercedes dealership where they are understood to be undergoing pre delivery inspection prior to handover to TWM. Bodywork on the buses has been completed by UVG.

## Red turns blue!

Midland Red Stevensons is losing its recently amalgamated red and yellow livery to the new turquoise and sandstone colours of Arriva's corporate image. The move coincides with the introduction of new vehicles which start operating services on 2 February.

Five of the new buses, Dennis Dart SLF Plaxton Pointers, will be operating on the Burton Line 15 route, seven are beginning a new easy access service in Shrewsbury - part of a quality partnership arrangement with Shropshire County Council and Atcham Borough Council, and eight will be operating route 9 in Stafford - another quality partnership initiative between Midland Red, Staffordshire County Council and Stafford Borough Council.



One of the new Dennis Dart SLFs in Arriva livery.

## New premises for County Bus

County Bus, the growing Staffordshire based operation owned by Martin Sherratt and Kevin Jones, has just moved into the former Leons Coaches depot at Seighford which is nearer to Stafford than the previous headquarters at Swynnerton. The Swynnerton depot has been retained and is at present occupied by three of the engineering staff.

County Bus has grown rapidly since it was formed in December 1996. From a fleet of 12 sixteen seat minibuses it has grown to operate 35 vehicles of between 16 and 62 seats. Thirty five drivers are based at Seighford and a further 14 at a facility in the Meir area of Stoke on Trent where 12 sixteen seaters are allocated.

The company operates a number of stage carriage services in Stafford, competing with the Midland Red North subsidiary of Arriva. Last September it won 14 tendered

school contracts for Staffordshire and has also won two Shropshire contracts for which a Wright Crusader bodied Dart SLF and a 31 seat Mercedes Plaxton Beaver have been acquired. Among the vehicles employed on contract work are no less than five Willowbrook Warrior rebodies.

Kevin Jones also runs the similarly expansive Pete's Travel operation which is a completely separate business.

Leons Coaches, the former occupiers of the Seighford site, have moved to new premises on the Tollgate Industrial Estate, Stafford.



A County Bus Mercedes.



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# News

## Moseley MAN support

Alf Moseley Continental, MAN's main UK distributor, has appointed Marcus Worth to the newly created position of national after-sales manager - MAN products. Marcus was previously trained as a vehicle engineer by the Moseley Group and rejoins the company from Altruck Plc, where he was operations manager responsible for fleet repair, maintenance contracts, customer services and vehicle operation for the Eastern region.

Commenting on the appointment, Moseley Group MD Vernon Edwards said: 'This new position within our Bus & Coach Division has been developed in conjunction with the MAN parent company to complement their own after-sales activity. We will not only have an effective member of our team to take ownership and control of a problem, but also ensure that strong links are developed between ourselves as the distributor, our customer, and MAN, all of which are essen-

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## Carrot for the Greens

**Transport Minister Baroness Helene Hayman has announced proposals to cut the rate of Vehicle Excise Duty for buses and trucks with clean engines. The move has been brought about as a result of consultations held last year and the levels of reduction are to be announced in the 1998 Budget.**

Baroness Hayman said, 'This move is aimed at encouraging operators to 'think green' when they are buying and maintaining their vehicles, and is a key part of our EU Presidency aim to tackle the damaging impact of transport on the environment.

## CPT calls for more bus lanes

Signs that buses are still far less attractive as an alternative to cars has come to light in a the Annual Lex Report on Motoring. Findings from the report indicate most car drivers (93%) would prefer to sit in traffic jams even if journey times were doubled!

Commenting on the findings, Veronica Palmer, director general of CPT UK, said: 'Frankly, it is no surprise that car drivers don't want to switch to buses when we're all stuck in the same mess. Why should they? The only way to make a difference is to take buses out of the jams - and that means bus priority measures. When car drivers see buses speeding past them on the inside lane whilst they stew in traffic I think they'll sing a different tune. Bus lanes are relatively cheap, easy to plan and very effective. The Lex statistics prove many more are needed before people get the message.'

## Vandalism in Cheshire

Nova Scotia Travel of Winsford, Cheshire has had six buses written off and four more damaged in an attack of vandalism. It happened early in the morning of Monday 19 January at a site which the company had only recently occupied. In total Nova Scotia operates 45 buses and minibuses on stage carriage services and tenders for Cheshire County Council.

Andy Gilligan of Nova Scotia praised the efforts of Norwich Union Insurance, the police and the local authority saying they were 'Wonderful'. He added, 'I'd like to thank everyone for all they've done to get us back on the road.'

The vehicles written off were three Leyland Nationals and three double deckers. Replacements for two vehicles were found on the day of the crime and disruption to services was kept to a minimum. Police have arrested two people in connection with the incident.

# OUT ON ITS



# News

## CSM safety system passes M2 test

CSM Minibuses of Thornton Cleveleys, with assistance from Dudley Council, has developed a minibus safety system, based on the LDV 400, which has passed M2 tests at MIRA. The certification covers the new Convoy, which shares the same floor pan, and was also found to work on an elderly Freight Rover 300 - possibly the worst case scenario for attempting to install proper seat mountings.

Stuart Staff of CSM said: 'This has been an expensive exercise and we could not have done it without the help of Dudley Council who have given us a lot of backing to make this project work. On the strength of gaining MIRA's approval we have taken orders for seven vehicles from Dudley Council and 238 special VW Transporters for Coca Cola. The system is based on the thickness of the vehicle's floor and because it worked on the Freight Rover

we, and MIRA, are confident that it will be more than adequate for modern minibuses as they are being made much more substantially than in the past. I have not been too impressed by many of the so-called M2 systems because the majority are not pulled in the whole vehicle, they pulled on a flat surface and it doesn't bear any direct relationship to situations on the road. As a result of gaining MIRA approval things have gone mad, our phones have not stopped ringing and we are working seven days a week.'

## Quality Partnership conference

A one-day conference entitled 'Quality Partnerships - New Transport, New Millennium' is to be held at Manchester Airport on 24 February. The keynote speech is to be delivered by Transport Minister Glenda Jackson and a speaker from the EC Transport Directive has also been invited to offer the European Perspective. Other sessions will be given by Ben Colson - commercial director of Stagecoach Manchester, Geoff Muirhead - chief executive of Manchester Airport, Howard Bernstein -

Manchester Taskforce, Peter Kelly of WS Atkins and either Bill Tyson or Nick Vaughn from GMPTE.

The fee for attending the conference includes the complete set of notes, lunch and refreshments. Including VAT the rates are £199.75 for a full delegate, £176.25 for CIT members and 20 places have been allocated to accredited students at £32.25. For details contact Roy Chapman at TDT Conferences, Lynwood House, 7 Lynwood Grove, Stockport SK4 5DP. Telephone/fax 0161 442 5953.

## Speedlink repeat DAF/Plaxton order

Speedlink Airport Services has placed a repeat order for DAF/Plaxton coaches. The new vehicles, five in all, will be based on SB3000WS chassis and feature fully automatic transmission. They will have 51 seat Plaxton Premiere 350 bodies with air conditioning - the first time this feature has

appeared on Speedlink coaches. All will be used alongside 11 similar vehicles on the 200 mile Jetlink service from Norwich to Brighton, via Stansted, Heathrow and Gatwick airports. Steve Perks, Speedlink's fleet engineer, said: 'We looked at the features and prices of chassis on the market

before placing this order. The main chassis are much of a muchness on price but we are finding better fuel consumption with our DAFs than with comparable coaches in the fleet. The rear engine layout was also a major consideration because it provides us with plenty of luggage space.'

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1992 J DAF SB2305, Plaxton 3200 DH, 53R  
1992 J DAF SB2305, Van Hool Alizee DH, 51R, toilet  
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1990 G DAF MB230 LT, Plaxton 3500, 49R, toilet  
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1989 F DAF SB2300 Van Hool Alizee DH, 51R, toilet  
1989 F VOLVO B10M, Plaxton 3500, 53R  
1989 F DAF SB3000, Van Hool Alizee, 49R, toilet  
1989 F VOLVO B10M, Van Hool Alizee H, 53R  
1989 F DAF SB3000, Plaxton 3500, 51R, toilet  
1988 F DAF SB3000, Van Hool Alizee SH, 49R, toilet  
1988 E VOLVO B10M, Plaxton 3500, 49R, toilet  
1988 PP LAG, Panoramic, 49R, toilet  
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1988 PP DAF SB3000, Van Hool Alizee DH, 51R, toilet  
1988 E VOLVO B10M Van Hool Alizee H, 53R  
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1987 PP DAF SB2300, Plaxton 3500, 53R, air conditioning  
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## Thornes Motor Services

### 'Let us coach you in style'

There aren't many family run coach operators that can lay claim to having their own crest but Thornes of Bubwith is one. It is a right forearm bearing a sword and is underpinned by the word 'forward,' a word which aptly sums up the approach to running the business by Philip Thornes and his wife Christine. Philip is quite clear in his view that success comes from focusing on what you are good at and developing your own niche. As he explained to B&CB on a recent visit, 'We shouldn't just eye up the competition and try to beat it on price. Maturity in the market could even see operators confident enough to sit side by side and pass on business to whoever is best suited to fulfil the work,' he contended.

Philip joined the business in the mid-1960s. He was just eight months old when his father bought his first bus. 'However' he said recently, 'I left school in 1966 and joined Thornes on a temporary basis until I decided what career I wanted to follow, I'm still pondering. Who knows, if I like it I might decide to stay on a bit longer.' It is the sentiment of



**The largest single order for new vehicles was for three Volvo B10Ms delivered in January 1995.**

a modest man who has an understanding of the industry.

### A respected name

Both Philip and Christine agree that, for Thornes, the company's speciality is identifying its clients' needs. The family has worked hard at understanding its market since Philip's father Jack bought his first coach, a 1936 Bedford WTB 25 seater to carry local children to school following the introduction of the 1944 Education Act. A number of other small local concerns which flourished in

the post war transport boom have long since disappeared, whilst Thornes has steadily developed its business by a process of 'gradual evolution' as Philip described it.

Jack had established himself at Derwent Garage, Bubwith in 1949 and started a taxi service using a Rolls Royce Phantom 2. The arrival of the Bedford generated private hire and was quickly followed by a move into local stage work when the Holme-on-Spalding Moor-Bubwith-Selby service of York Pullman was taken over along with

some excursion licences. It is still operated today, usually with a Leyland Sherpa or Ford Transit minibus, the latter being the first and only Ford in the fleet. Jack was never really impressed with the PSV products of Ford.

Following bus deregulation a new service was introduced on behalf of Humberside County Council. Dubbed the Jungle Bus, it ran on Thursday evenings taking children to Boothferry leisure centre in Goole. This operation has since developed into a Tuesday morning service between Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Bubwith and Goole. Elderly people use the service to pay their rates at the nearby council offices and it is popular in the school holidays because vouchers offered to passengers give a discounted entry into the swimming pool at the leisure centre.

School commitments play an important part in Thornes operations with 13 vehicles going out on service both morning and afternoon on behalf of East Riding and North Yorkshire councils. A new service started in November 1995 is a Friday



**A photostop at Queensferry with the Harrington bodied Seddon.**



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# Operator Focus



**Thornes first new coach was this 45 seat Bedford YRQ which is seen tackling Staxton Hill upon collection from Plaxton in June 1972.**

market day route linking Bubwith with Market Weighton. Four East Lancs bodied Atlanteans formerly with the Blackpool and Preston municipalities are used on schools backed up by a Volvo B58 Duple Dominant 63 seater bus, a refurbished Plaxton Derwent bodied AEC Reliance, a Plaxton bodied Bristol LHS and a Perkins Phaser engined Bedford YMT.

Thornes is heavily involved in private hire work. The company has been delivering quality service to local groups and organisations for many decades and a computerised booking system has been used for the past ten years. One annual commitment which takes place in July is an outing to Bridlington calling for around fifteen coaches. This has been operated for 21 years and used to necessitate hiring in from other operators. However since 1987 additional capacity has been available from sister company Independent Coachways based at Horsforth near Leeds and this has enabled the outing to be carried out 'in house.'

## Going Independent

The Independent connection dates back to the mid-1980s when Philip was

looking for a new opportunity. For some years, Thornes had been using the Storno two way radio system to keep in touch with its drivers. He and Christine recalled that operators all had to use the same frequency, Channel One, and because of the vagaries of the system the range of the transmitter varied depending on weather conditions. The voice of Tony Edwards at Independent Coachways could often be clearly heard across the air waves and he would regularly pass messages on to Thornes drivers if they were out of range of their home transmitter.

When Independent came onto the market in 1987, following Tony Edwards illness, it represented an interesting opportunity and negotiations were opened. Independent had been in business for 20 years and was famous for its Leyland Plaxton rebuilds, not least a rear-engined Leopard which is believed to be still in service in the Irish Republic. In the event Philip, Christine and Jack bought the business which brought three Daimler Fleetlines, five Bristol REs, three Volvo B58s and a Bova into the fleet, doubling it in size overnight. The double deckers were quickly disposed of. However the Bristols were to give many



**The newest coach in the Independent fleet is a Premiere 320 bodied Volvo B10M delivered in September last year.**



# Operator Focus

years valued service, with the last departing only a year ago.

The Independent operation has become highly standardised under General Manager, Barry Rennison. The Bova and the older Volvos have been progressively replaced by B10Ms with either Plaxton Paramount 3200 or Premiere 320 coachwork. The newest of the all-Plaxton fleet of 13 is an R-registered Premiere 320 with 53 seats. Standardisation on Plaxton was made possible by the introduction of seven secondhand Bustler bodied Scania K112s bought in 1995. They were purchased from Ensign Bus having previously served British Airways on airside work. Originally built with two nearside doors and one on the offside, five were converted to front entrance only by the London dealer with the others being modified by M & H Coachworks of Leeds. Each was up-seated from either 33 or 41 to 49 using seats from Thornes stock and retrimmed by Eastgate Coach Trimmers of Pickering. One of the buses is fitted with a wheelchair lift.

## Offering flexibility

Although Thornes Motor Services and Independent Coachways are separate companies, the fleets carry the same livery and are numbered into the same fleet number sequence.

Last year Thornes produced an attractive little 'DL' folded leaflet which gives a colour picture and full description of the features available on each of the front-line Bubwith coaches. It has proved to be a useful way of highlighting to customers which vehicle would be best suited to their needs.

The touring business can be traced back to the 1950s when private parties were taken on Blackpool weekends. In 1977, despite objections from Wallace Arnold and the National Bus Company, Thornes obtained a continental tours licence for three trips a year which enabled them to run to the Dutch bulb fields, Paris and Brittany. However, two factors brought about real expansion in 1980 when the introduction of coach deregulation coincided with the ending of a long running Ministry of Defence contract to the Ordinance Supply Depot at Barlow near Selby. This released three nearly new



**Spirit of Drumcondra, the Volvo B10M SE prototype taking part in the 1996 UK Coach Rally.**

coaches for tour work.

Christine busily set about building on the continental tour base to put together a British programme as well. She found that the local market was hungry for tours and the company launched its new programme for the 1981 season. Until 1985/6 patronage was very high. Over the years, Thornes have seen older clients replaced by newer generations. When recession hit in the early 1990s loadings tended to fluctuate as clients tended to spend more conservatively. However a small touring programme is still offered, last year covering 11 different destinations including Orkney and Shetland, the Irish Republic and France.

An interesting development brought about by a long association with the Hotel Deauville in Newquay was the allocation of one of Independent's Volvos to Newquay throughout last season. Thornes had been organising trips to the Deauville since 1986. Four years ago, with the aim of stabilising its own market, the hotel had become involved in offering

its own tours using vehicles supplied by local operators. Impressed by the high quality vehicles Thornes was sending to the resort, the two parties came to an agreement. The Bubwith company consequently despatched a newly refurbished coach from the Independent fleet to Cornwall carrying Hotel Deauville identities. The arrangement is continuing in 1998.

## Vehicles to suit

Each of Thornes vehicles has a name. Usually on the 'Derwent' theme, after the river running through Bubwith. Philip remembers, that as a teenager, he used to see the lorries of Robsons of Carlisle, a well known haulier with a named fleet and the idea came from this. It's a personal touch which he finds works well. School children refer to the coaches by name as do tour party members. The family regularly receive visits from customers who have returned from holiday keen to show them their holiday photographs. They remembered with a smile one man who had clearly been sitting near the back of the



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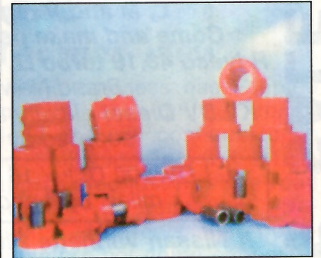
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# Operator Focus

coach because the words 'Emergency Exit' could be seen in the centre of many of his pictures.

The flagship of today's fleet is the 49 seat Derwent Excalibur, an appropriately named Plaxton Excalibur bodied Volvo B10M built to full executive specification. The latest addition to the Bubwith fleet is the Spirit of Drumcondra which was the first Plaxton Premiere 350 Volvo B10M SE built. With its extended 6.65 metre wheelbase offering nearly 14 cubic metres of luggage space this has proved invaluable on airport transfers. The ZF automatic gearbox has also been highly valued by drivers in city conditions, although it has proved less popular on extended tours in Devon and Cornwall. Even so the coach delivers the same mpg as the Excalibur. Philip spoke very highly of it and would readily consider adding another if the need should arise.

Back up to the frontline pair comes from the Derwent Explorer, a Plaxton Paramount 3500 49 seat executive Volvo and the Derwent Adventurer, a 57 seat Plaxton bodied Scania K93. For small parties Thornes runs a Plaxton bodied Volvo B9M 43 seater called the Derwent Ambassador. Originally a Kirkby stock vehicle the nine metre coach had been used for airport transfers and joined Thornes in a very run down state in 1989 when just two years old. Recently it was repainted, remounted and repainted. Despite the fact that it has limited luggage capacity, it is a popular vehicle with groups. Carrying only six less than one of the full size coaches the B9M has proved its worth on narrow National Park roads.

Philip holds Volvo in high regard. On reliability he said that you can't fault them. Support is good and Volvo are very responsive and adaptable. 'The vehicles have proved themselves,' he said. At Independent drivers tend to stay with one vehicle most of the time, but at Thornes this policy is not applied. Thornes has also loyally supported Plaxton for many years with virtually the whole fleet carrying their products. 'They are good people to deal with,' said Philip and dealers Yeates and Kirkby come in for praise as does Plaxton's recent build quality, although the new Van Hool T9 did make

an impression at the Birmingham show.

Philip likes to buy new and then invest in refurbishment after around ten years. This

installed and the hydrovac braking system was replaced with full air braking. Plaxton's Service Department at Anston carried out a full repaint and



**One of the former British Airways Scania's at work in York.**

has given older members of the fleet including the three Paramounts a new lease of life. Possibly the most notable example of this is the company's unique Harrington Wayfarer bodied Seddon Mk19 dating from 1959. Bought when just eighteen months old, the AEC engine

this fine coach returned to service in 1993. It now earns its living on private hire, wedding work, mystery tours and nostalgia excursions. Recently it has been to Scotland, Ireland and Holland. Philip recalled that it was the first flamboyant style coach in the fleet. 'It was very futuristic



**The ex-West Yorkshire Bristol SUL which is unique in sporting a Perkins 6.354 engine instead of the usual four cylinder Albion unit.**

Seddon served for ten years before withdrawal. It then spent many years in open storage before being towed to Kingston Upon Hull City Transport Engineering Department for restoration to begin. An AV505 engine was



**The Sherpa often found on local service work.**

for its time.' Christine added, 'and the seats are very comfortable, even by modern expectations.'

Thornes has retained three other older vehicles. The family enjoy a break from the business by attending vintage vehicle rallies. A 1952 Beadle-Leyland is stored, whilst a former West Yorkshire Bristol SUL powered by a Perkins engine is in the process of being returned to service. Its

light weight could prove useful if a possible expansion of local bus service routes is followed up. Later this year they hope to rally the very first Bristol LHS built. This has been in the fleet since 1975 but has been out of use for many years. The 30 seat Weymann body was originally fitted to an Albion Nimbus chassis and so the vehicle is unusual in having a body eight years older than the chassis.

## Thornes' view

The business has adapted to local and national conditions and will continue to do so. Philip wonders if it is fully appreciated just how the road network is becoming gridlocked. He feels that politicians are not doing enough to address the problem. 'Things need to move faster to get people out of their cars and on to public transport,' he argued. He believes car usage must be reduced and does not see toll roads as the answer to the problem.

Running Thornes is very much a way of life for both Philip and Christine. Philip felt that they had evolved with the business. 'It would be very strange to ever leave,' he said. Christine clearly gets considerable satisfaction from organising the company's tours. People are 'coy with their brass,' to quote a Yorkshire saying,' she observed. But Thornes know how to put a package together. An example is a long weekend to Kettering. This included a number of attractions such as the Pork Pie shop at Melton Mowbray, Rutland Water, the Nene Valley Railway, Duxford Aircraft Museum and the Bass Brewery Museum at Burton-upon-Trent.

Daughter Jane joined the business in September last year and sees her future carrying on the family tradition. She is already introducing new ideas in terms of computer technology and the design of the company's literature.

Philip summed up his situation by saying he gets satisfaction from introducing gradual improvements rather than radical change. It is a philosophy which has stood the company in good stead and ensured that he can say with justification, 'let us coach you in style.'

**By Andy Izatt**



**The Perkins Phaser engined Bedford YMT.**



# Market Development



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### Investing in public transport

Heathrow airport, which covers 3,000 acres on the western edge of London, is owned and operated by BAA Heathrow, a subsidiary company of the former British Airports Authority privatised in 1987. John Lamb, BAA Heathrow's Transport Development Manager explained to B&CB on a recent visit that the airport is a multi-billion pound business.

BAA Heathrow operates in a highly competitive and sensitive world market. Other European hubs such as Schiphol and Charles de Gaulle are continually developing their facilities to attract business, particularly the important transfer market, long haul passengers who then transfer onto a European flight. This represents over 30 per cent of Heathrow's 57.8 million passengers per year. The company's plans for keeping ahead of the game are extensive. Perhaps the most important is Terminal 5, which with a successful Inquiry outcome is anticipated to open in 2004, which will enable the airport to handle 80 million passengers a year. Public transport integration is central to the new facility. The aim John explained is to provide a seamless journey throughout with each trans-



*One of the new DAFs for the FastTrain service which started on 19 January.*

port mode vertically integrated within the complex.

BAA Heathrow's plans for

Terminal 5 are a further example of a real commitment to land-based public



*The 285 Kingston-Heathrow was the first route in the Freeflow Heathrow programme. Travel on local buses from the North side is free to the central area.*

transport that has been developed in recent years. £440 million is being invested in the Heathrow Express, a new high-speed, electrified, air-conditioned rail link that connects the airport to Paddington Station in central London. With a planned journey time of 15 minutes and 15 minute frequency the line is due to open fully in June this year.

19 January saw the opening of the first stage of the link with the launch of FastTrain. Trains run as far as a temporary station at Airport Junction near Stockley Park and are linked to the airport terminals by 19 specially branded Plaxton Prestige DAF SB220 low floor buses. Operated for BAA by Speedlink Airport Services each vehicle has extensive luggage accommodation. The new service offers an overall journey time of 30 minutes from the airport central area or 35 minutes from Terminal 4. Trains are running from 05.10 in the morning to 22.40 at night.

Although the rail project was originally a joint venture with British Rail, BAA has since bought out what became Railtrack's 30 per cent share and it now has complete control over the service and how it is developed



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and marketed. The company predicts that the link will take 3,000 airport-related cars off the roads each day when it becomes fully operational.

From 2000 there are plans to operate a sister service to the Heathrow Express that will operate four times an hour between St Pancras and the airport, stopping at West Hampstead, Ealing Broadway and Hayes. £500,000 has also been invested in a series of feasibility studies into extending Heathrow's rail links to the north, east and west. £1 million has already been committed by BAA as part of a £5 million partnership with Railtrack, Hounslow Borough Council, South West Trains and London Transport towards the regeneration of Feltham station as a main transport interchange.

## Freeflow Heathrow

BAA Heathrow now handles flights for over 90 different airlines involving over 430 plane movements a day and the industry trend is for ever higher capacity planes to be deployed. As well as handling the consequential passenger flow, the company also needs to consider the transport needs of the 57,000 airport related staff who work on site. 'We are our own town,' John pointed out, 'and our own traffic authority.' The company takes its responsibilities very seriously and recognises that the resources and infrastructure available to cope with car movements around the airport are finite. Currently 34 per cent of passengers travel to Heathrow by public transport with a long term vision of 50%.

Rather than sit back and wait for transport providers to fully recognise and develop the commercial possibilities,

BAA took the initiative with Freeflow Heathrow, a programme that has been running for three years under the overall auspices of Transport Policy's General Manager, Alastair Duff. The company set-up a team of dedicated

and implement area-wide initiatives aimed at increasing public transport use whilst managing demand for local car travel. The Heathrow Area Transport Forum provides an opportunity for Heathrow wide employers, to consider new



**The M4 Spur bus lane.**

transport experts including John Lamb who joined BAA at Freeflow Heathrow's inception from Hertfordshire County Council. He had been involved in the establishment of TravelWise, the public transport awareness campaign that has since been taken up by authorities across the country.

BAA Heathrow created a forum of local authorities, businesses and public transport organisations to develop

approaches on employee travel. Including money spent on infrastructure and strategic projects such as the new railway, BAA Heathrow is investing over half a billion pounds in its public transport programmes.

Freeflow Heathrow is designed to work at all levels. Dedicated cycle paths are being provided with improved facilities for cycle storage. BAA Heathrow staff are eligible to claim a cycle mileage

allowance of 15p per mile for work-related journeys. An official car sharing scheme, which is believed to be the largest in the UK, has been established with over 400 members and an additional 4,500 Heathrow staff are known to car share.

Major infrastructure improvements have seen over £2 million invested in a redevelopment of the central bus station where departure charges for local services have been removed. Computerised passenger information has been introduced at a facility that links the airport with over 500 points in the UK. National Express alone serves 260 destinations daily. The first phase of development was completed in December 1996 and subsequent phases are now being planned.

In September last year BAA Heathrow, in association with the Highways Agency, invested £1.3 million in building the UK's first dedicated motorway bus lane on the M4 Spur towards Heathrow. Expected to carry 13 million people in public transport vehicles, the project was wholly funded by the company. The road had to be slightly widened to accommodate the new bus lane which unusually takes up the outside lane. John explained that there were safety reasons behind this. It had not been possible to continue the hard shoulder under bridges, which receives its fair share of breakdowns when the traffic is busy. The situation would be further complicated by these vehicles being manoeuvred across the path of fast moving buses and coaches if the lane had been on the near side. What is more the facility also acts as

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a clear path for emergency vehicles called to any incident at the airport. The existing traffic lights at the airport end of the spur have been complemented by a set of pre-signals that safely control merging from the bus lane back into the general traffic flow.

The bus lane is already proving very popular with some coach drivers using it even when the traffic flow does not require it. John is pleased that it saves 10 minutes in the peak periods journey time over the last section of road into the airport. This has already brought important reliability improvements notably for the A10 Heathrow Fast service, of which more later. The Reading Rail Link, one of the rail link services supported by BAA, has also benefited and reliability has also improved as a result of new priorities schemes at the Reading station end of the route. This has resulted in Beeline aiming for a 20 minute frequency from this summer.

## Going free

Earlier this month BAA Heathrow in partnership with British Airways launched free public transport for all around the airport's 30 miles of roads. These link the terminals with the main work areas such as the cargo area, Hatton Cross, Harlington Corner, British Airways' new offices at Harmondsworth and Bath Road where many hotels are located. The £300,000 investment applies to 20 local bus routes and is particularly important to BA which has 30,000 employees in the area. Roger Cato, Managing Director of BAA Heathrow commented at the launch, 'We are confident that free local travel and a frequent, reliable bus network will significantly reduce the number of cars on airport roads at peak times.' It was a view backed by John Lamb who underlined that there was considerable staff movement around the airport. To provide a dedicated bus network would cost between four and five million so £300,000 is a good investment.

Services covered by the scheme are H23, H26, U3, 74-6, 105, 111, 140, 190-2, 285, 436, 442, 481, 491 and 555-7 operated by London United, CentreWest, London Buslines, Beeline and London & Country. Examples of com-

bined frequencies offered from the central area are 22 buses per hour to Compass,

and plenty of luggage space that link directly to the terminals, often on a higher fre-



**The 726 has proved to be a well used link around south London. One of the DAFs used on the service is seen with an A10 Dart SLF.**

30 buses an hour to the Visitor Centre or 10 buses an hour to Hatton Cross.

Ironically the move followed four new commercial services introduced by Speedlink Airport Services in partnership with some of the

quency than the courtesy service they replaced.

## Developing local buses

John Lamb and the team at BAA have worked hard to develop the local bus network, a process that has not always been easy despite their willingness to commit hard cash. Around £1.75 million is made available each year of which £1.25 million comes from the levy on car parking movements made at the airport. It is also part of John's brief to talk to other local businesses and persuade them of the virtue of making funds available, even if it is just funding a leaflet dispenser in the office. For example Stockley Park Consortium, a high-tech business park on the edge of Uxbridge, commits £80,000 per annum to the A10 Heathrow Fast service each year. It also invested £25,000 in electronic Countdown information displays.

The A10 is in some senses BAA Heathrow's flagship route but also highlights some of the difficulties that face the

company. Launched on 31 August 1996 the service, which is a London Transport contract operated by CentreWest, connects Uxbridge and Stockley Park to the airport. In its first week of operation 4,000 passengers were carried and patronage has steadily grown. Just before Christmas, last year, the figure reached a new high of 11,000. BAA Heathrow is committing £100,000 a year to the service while the London Borough of Hillingdon is contributing £40,000. A fleet of new Plaxton bodied low floor Dennis Darts fitted with folding ramps were bought for the service and they carry a specially branded livery.

BAA contributed an additional £35,000 so that the buses would have better quality seating and invested in a programme of driver training. However many of the drivers have since moved on to other services and the seat pitch down one side of the buses does not give the legroom the company specified. Even so, John does feel that the A10 comes closest to delivering the right kind of package. 'Quality partnerships have to work through the whole product,' he said. 'The customer must be at the heart of every stage.'

The route was thoroughly marketed and branded with the design work being carried out by Ray Stenning of Best Impressions who does all such work for the company. A distinctive livery with route branding is very important in getting the message across, believes John, and he views Ray as being the best in the business at delivering this. As well as full page advertising in the local papers, leaflets were distributed by the Post Office to post codes along the route. John believes that leafleting is important. It is not a one-off exercise as he repeats it every six months for each route BAA has an involvement in. They may well be thrown away the first and second time he argued, but by the third there is a chance that they will be kept. 'Patronage growth to date has proved we've been right.'

## An up hill struggle

BAA's involvement in local services is highly professional and has been concentrated on the six key corridors that feed into the airport. It has invested in 20 of the possible



**John Lamb believes vehicle route branding is important.**

hotels last year, replacing what had previously been free facilities. BAA Heathrow welcomed this development because it reduced the number of courtesy buses. Speedlink's network offers purpose built low floor Wright bodied Volvos with 30 seats



**Healthy loads in the central bus station.**



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25 local bus routes making around £1 million available in revenue support. With BAA's financial commitment and its strategic objectives regarding Freeflow Heathrow, it has built on its own data drawn from the five yearly survey of staff and passenger movements to create a clear understanding of where priorities lie.

The original expectation had been that promoting local buses would essentially be a marketing exercise. This proved not to be the case because service provision was so low. Only one service into the airport could boast a frequency of less than 15 minutes. BAA Heathrow has since committed considerable amounts of cash to building up service levels and extending schedules, both early in the morning and late at night, on services along those key corridors.

Based on the suggested improved timetable, BAA Heathrow asked the bus companies, or in the case of LT controlled services, LT, to give a revenue forecast for the route. It would then fund the difference with the expectation of reducing its support as ridership levels increased in response. The aim is to have service levels which will be self supporting within 18 months to two years. Once a route begins to make a profit the company let operators, or LT, run it thereafter. However, John underlines that it is not in the business of making money out of local bus services. The objective is to get the right level of service provision in place. It should be LT's job to procure a public transport network, he claimed, a challenge which of late they have now risen to.

The strategy has proved to be remarkably successful. There are now improved frequencies of below 15 minutes on all the key routes from the London side of the airport and better service levels have been achieved from elsewhere. There has been a 40% increase in local bus provision to Terminal 4, 45% for the Central Bus Station, while for Hatton Cross, which is a major hub for airport staff, it's as high as 83%. Across the board on services that BAA Heathrow support into the airport John estimates that ridership has increased by between 150% and 200%.

LT does now give BAA Heathrow ridership data on

the services where it has a financial involvement. Progress is monitored by the company on a monthly basis but as John pointed out BAA is not a bus planner. Nor does it believe in just giving bus operators money. Funding

thinking.

The response from local operators has been mixed. John has very good local contact with FirstBus's Peter Hendy, who controls CentreWest, London Buslines and Beeline, and David

'Customers should get the best kind of service possible,' John said. However as a private company with its own commercial objectives it's not really in BAA's remit to become a public transport planner on a large scale. The dilemma facing the company is just how far it should allow itself to become involved.

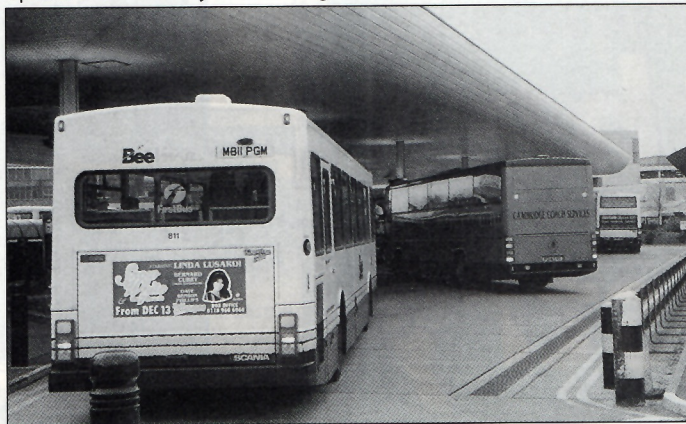
## Managers of detail

Because of the need to continually overcome perceived and real barriers to the use of public transport, John argues that the objective has to be offering seamless journeys where every detail is managed. Road priority measures could ensure reliable, predictable journey times and passengers would be able to wait in properly illuminated areas with real time information and proper security, possibly even panic buttons. He would even like to see a Heathrow specification bus interior, possibly not that different to the FirstBus standard. On a 10-11 metre low floor vehicle with two wheelchair positions seating levels would be between 35 and 40 with passengers having enough space to keep their luggage next to them.

Currently BAA's investment is not just route specific. The company has seven poster sites around the airport, has put money into the Heathrow Traveline phone information service that is operated by Speedlink, and has produced a handy pocket timetable covering local bus services. £50,000 has also gone into marketing the National Express Airlink network and support is also given to promoting local coach services. Yet another innovation introduced in June last year is a £30 monthly ticket aimed at airport workers. It gives unlimited travel on key services as well as local buses in Slough, Maidenhead, Windsor, Bracknell and Woking town centre. A free discount card is also available giving one third off National Express coach travel.

BAA Heathrow is clearly committed to the principles behind Freeflow Heathrow, to identify and exploit any opportunity to improve transport into the airport. For John Lamb it has been a challenge, but one that he clearly enjoys.

**By Andy Izatt**



**The first phase of central bus station redevelopment saw an investment of £2 million.**

road priority measures could lead to much more efficient use of vehicles than subsidising an additional bus to cover for traffic delays. John points

Humphrey at London United. 'They're always thinking of new ways of spending money,' he said with a smile. But in other areas he feels



**London Buslines is introducing new Marshall bodied Dart SLFs to the 105 to Greenford.**

out that BAA likes to see proactive thinking when it comes to service enhancement rather than reactive

that there are institutional barriers that inhibit strategic thinking being focused on the company.



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Telling Golden Miller has doubled its bus operations with a fleet of 14 Plaxton Pointer bodied Dennis Dart SLFs. Bought for a London Transport contract, the new buses will operate between Sunbury Village and Brentford seven days a week. They have 39 seats and are built to London schedule 10 standard. Steve Telling (left) is seen receiving the first of the new buses from Plaxton's Southern Bus Sales Manager, John Bell.



The Shires has introduced ten DAF SB3000s with Plaxton Premiere coachwork for the 757 which runs from Luton Airport to Central London. Nigel Eggleton, Commercial Director of the company commented, 'We deliver 200,000 commuters, shoppers, daytrippers and holidaymakers to their destination every year, and with our new coaches, their journey will be even smoother and more comfortable.'

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# Actia

## Multiplexed Electronics

**Time marches on, and with it go technology and development. Outwardly, today's PSVs are little different to their early forebears, just a box on wheels with places for people to sit, but this belies the strident advances in braking, transmission, suspension, tyres, engines, lighting, lowfloor development, passenger comfort and vehicle construction techniques.**

Despite any similarities between old and new vehicles, vastly sophisticated differences now exist between the on-board systems of yesterday's vehicles and their modern equivalents. As such, a great demand has been put on vehicle electrical systems and the complexity of a modern wiring harness has just about reached its limits. Open the electrical panels on today's vehicles and you are faced either with a bewildering array of components or a maze of wiring. Battery management systems have become virtually essential to preserve sufficient power for starting and alternators generate high levels of output to satisfy the demand. Many of the systems need shunts, voltage converters, current controllers, boosters and, of course, fuses and relays.

There had to come a time when vehicle electrics were eventually dragged in line with technological development, and that time has officially arrived with the announcement that Optare's Solo is the first UK built bus to be fully multiplexed. The term multiplexing was being promoted at Coach & Bus '95 by Actia UK. Interest in the product was stimulated and the company subsequently provided its ALADIN system to Dennis Specialist Vehicles and Marshall SPV. Ostensibly, this provided a cut-down form of multiplexing which took care of chassis electrics alone, not only simplifying the system but providing diagnos-

tics capability and reversion mode to compensate for component failure.

Full multiplexing, using Actia's Multibus system, takes care of the entire body and chassis wiring functions, removing the necessity for fuses and relays and reducing the amount of point to point wiring by thousands of feet in some applications. With less wiring in the system it also reduces the possibility of accidentally damaging the loom when making body or chassis repairs.



**Optare's Solo is the first UK built bus to carry full multiplexed electronics.**

Traditional electrics demand at least one, and often two wires to complete a circuit. Using a microprocessor based central management unit (CMU), this becomes unnecessary. The chip relays its control through a series of Smart Power Switches which are very like transistors, except that they have five pins instead of three. The extra pins allow the switch to communicate with and to be controlled by the CMU. For example, if the CMU detects the brake pedal is being depressed it tells the relevant switch to perform its function. Should one or both brake lights have failed, the switch detects a short circuit or lack of continuity and

informs the CMU. If the operator has opted for reversion mode to be available (highly favoured by the Vehicle Inspectorate) the CMU then tells the switch to illuminate the rear fog lamps as a substitute. The process happens in milliseconds and is as if there were no fault at all.

However, because there has been a fault its exact nature is recorded in memory for the diagnostics equipment to pick up during routine vehicle maintenance. In addition, a warning light can be illumi-

staff to investigate.

One side benefit of using a CMU controlled Smart Power Switch is that the power is released in very small but highly controlled steps, gradually building to full power. The process is unlike a mechanical or solenoid unit which, when activated, delivers the power at full strength, instantly. The speed of activation under multiplexing appears no different to the human eye, but releasing power over tiny fractions of a second gives the filament in a bulb time to warm up before it reaches full power. Bulb life can be extended by five times normal expectancy under this process.

Steve Byng of Actia UK explained that protection circuits could easily be demonstrated by switching on the windscreen wipers of the bus and then hanging on to the blade. The system detects an overload and will shut down for five seconds. It will then try again, if there is no excess loading the system will perform as normal, if after a number of attempts the blade is still being held firm, the system will shut down and display a warning light on the dashboard.

Steve claimed this was similar to problems encountered on cold, frosty mornings when wipers had stuck to the windscreen. Drivers would switch on and hope the blade would clear the screen for them, but they were more likely to blow a fuse because the restricted blade would cause an overload in the system. So multiplexing saves on downtime as well as on its component parts.

Multibus systems are produced in France at one of the manufacturing facilities within the Actia Group, while the system design and software development is carried out by Actia UK. CMU and IOU units appear physically identical as they use the same rugged

nated to let the driver know of the problem and its location.

Smart Power Switches not only detect open and short circuits, they guard against overloads and overheating, shutting the circuits off to protect the system from damage - hence the ability to dispense with fuses. Temporary overheating or overloading will be automatically overcome because the system will retry at set periods to establish if the fault persists. If it continues to the limit of specified attempts then the circuit is shut down. If it finds the fault has rectified itself, it then carries out the normal functions on demand, but the fact that there had been a fault will still be recorded for maintenance



# Technology

casing to provide a safe environment for the sensitive electronic equipment. Switch and lamp units (SLUs) are another important part of the multiplex system. They enable all the dashboard switches and warning lamps to be connected to the multiplex system and significantly reduce the dashboard wiring harness.

A typical Multibus system consists of a CMU linked via cables to localised Input/Output Units (IOU), ALADIN and Passive Auxilliary Units. It reads input from the electronic management systems for the engine, suspension, brakes, traction control and gearbox and has a two-way communication with the dashboard and the on-board computer which contains all the operating parameters.

IOUs can be positioned anywhere in the circuit to suit the vehicle build or to cater for on-board electrics. On a coach with a centre sunken toilet and a servery mounted on top, an IOU placed midway along the cable run is sufficient to handle the demands in that area. If the servery and other functions were at the rear, then the IOU would be positioned at the rear alongside a similar unit performing the localised operation of rear lights, indicators, and brake lights. Buses may have IOUs strategically positioned to cater for the door controls and system interlocks.

For manufacturers, the advantages of multiplexing are quite clear. There is a significant reduction in costs, weight saving and space saving in comparison with a conventional wiring harness. Switching functions are carried out at low current, so wiring between the dashboard and multiplex system is much simplified. The elimination of fuses and relays means the whole system is less cluttered and fault diagnosis becomes quicker and easier. Overall, this points to an increase in global reliability therefore reduces the requirement for in-built electrical warranty costs. Savings also occur in production because the installation of multiplexing takes far less time and end of line testing can be quickly achieved through using diagnostics equipment.

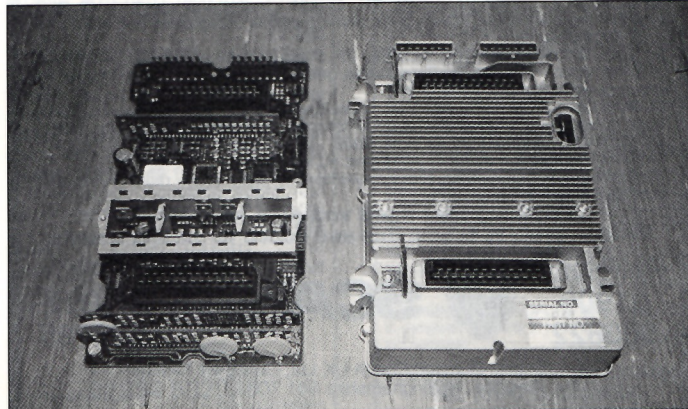
As far as the end user is concerned, multiplexed vehicles offer a totally protected electrical system and with no

fuses or relays to be concerned about, is very easy to maintain. Warning lamps will indicate a fault should one occur and the details of any fault are stored for interrogation by a diagnostic unit. Spare modules are all standard items and should an IOU fail it is a simple job to replace one. They are all the same so spares stocking is minimised.

Much of the development work on multiplexing has

other projects. Its other major area of business is in the development and supply of diagnostic equipment. Actia have for many years supplied the official dealer service tools for Peugeot, Renault, Citroen and, more recently, Triumph Motorcycles, Dennis, ERF and DAF.

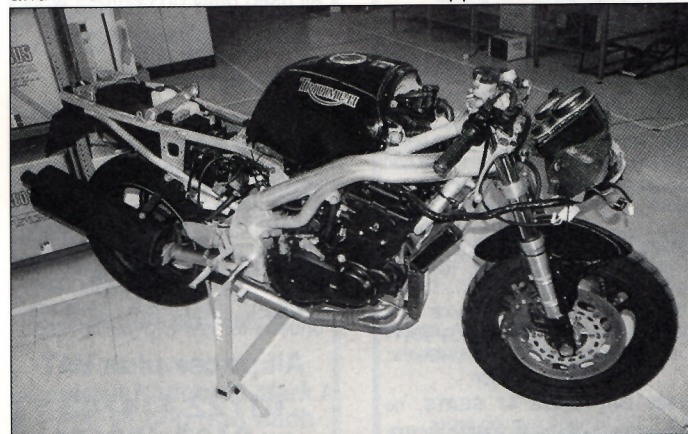
Actia spokesman Steve Byng said the company was concerned that when all the different manufacturers turned to electronic control



**An input/output unit (IOU).**

been done at Actia UK's base in Newtown, Powys. The business was formed as a result of French company Actia SA acquiring 40% of the equity in a company called Tekhne UK, back in 1991. Two years later Actia SA increased its holding to 60% and in 1994 Actia UK was founded in its own right and installed in its current

and management systems that they did not agree to standardise on protocols. Engineers with a mixed fleet had found that they needed specific diagnostic tools for each application. Their only other route was to buy PC software and a diagnostic interface box from each system supplier. The cost of the



**Actia played an active part in developing multiplexed electronics for the new Triumph range of motorcycles.**

new premises. This year the company expects to turn over around £1.6m. Tekhne still exists as a wholly owned subsidiary of Actia UK.

Actia's largest involvement, around 44%, is in onboard electronics, whether multiplexed systems or through DC-DC converters, speed limiters, interfaces for ABS with electromagnet retarders and a number of

software varied from one manufacturer to another but there was the cost of a PC and the interface box at around £300 to £400. Each system would require a different interface box to connect between the PC and the system to be checked.

To try and simplify matters, Actia has developed a multipurpose interface unit that can be used as a single sub-

stitute and is known as a UDI, or Universal Diagnostic Interface. This remains connected to the back of the PC with a number of external connections for programming and downloading data and operating parameters into on-board systems. A sizeable hard disk on the PC contains the necessary software programmes to converse with the on-board systems allowing diagnostics checks to be performed, new procedures to be introduced or old ones upgraded.

Actia also manufacture hand-held diagnostic tools for use throughout the automotive industry. Special connectors have been developed to withstand continual plugging in and un-plugging of diagnostic systems. They contain a sacrificial set of contacts which can be replaced quickly and cheaply. These connectors, called OBDII (On Board Diagnostics) are fitted to the electrical management systems on a large number of modern vehicles. They are not only increasingly used for tuning and setting engines but roadside inspectors can access the OBDII sockets to determine the emissions related data.

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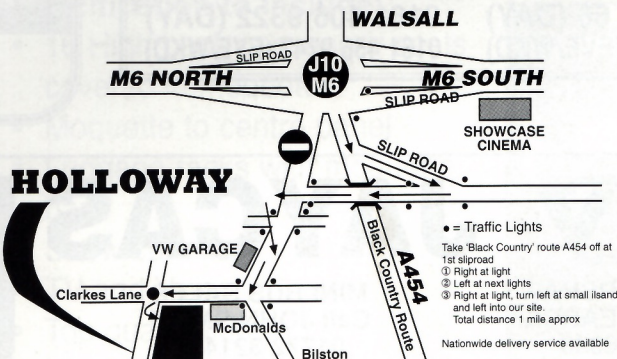


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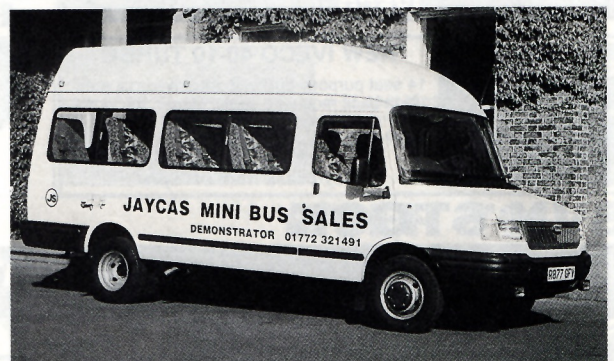
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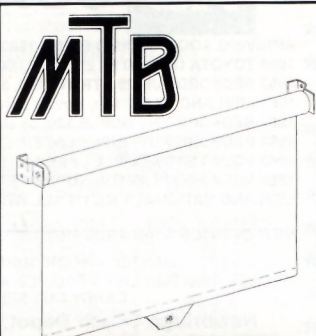
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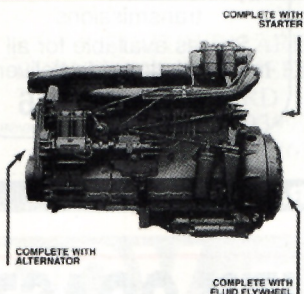
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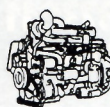
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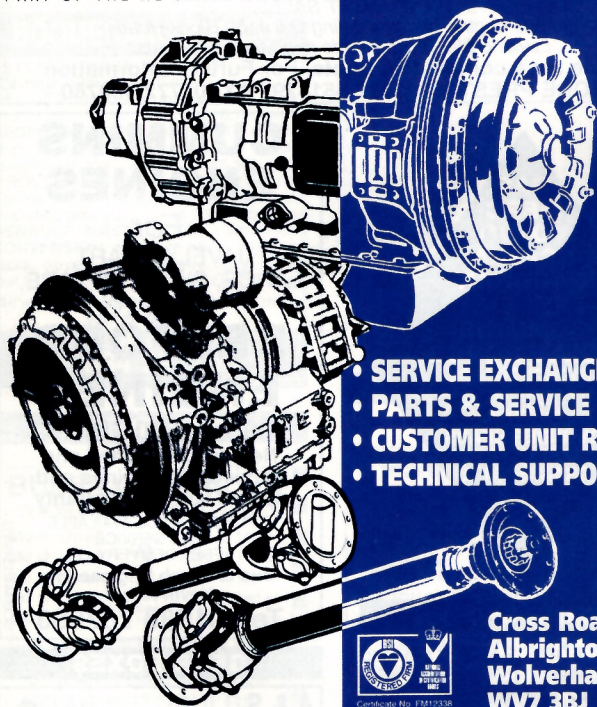
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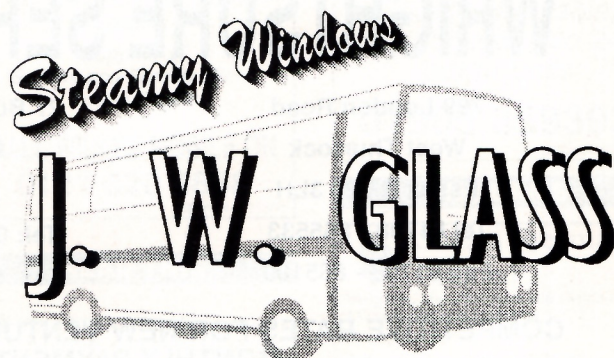
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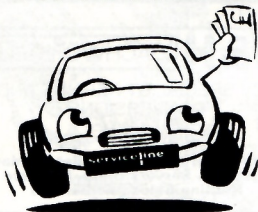
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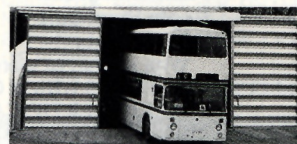
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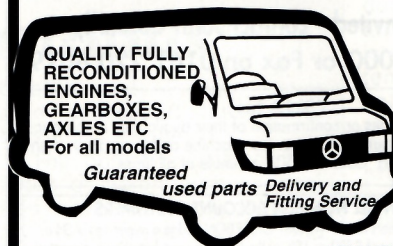
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## Pointers for Guildford Park & Ride

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The unit is claimed to be exceptionally mobile and stable thanks to four castors on the underside. It features an integral toolbar to locate the range of cleaning accessories which includes inserts for the floor tool to switch between carpet or smooth floors, and a crevice cleaner. Each unit is supplied with a flexible hose and steel pipework. The SE60C is available from official Stihl dealers across the country, priced at £129 including VAT.



The Stihl SE60C.

## Wrightsure appointment

Brian Hamilton has been appointed to the position of development director at Wrightsure Services, the specialist bus and coach insurers. Brian has been a registered broker for over 25 years, in which time he has worked for Lloyds and Provincial. More recently he has been closely involved in broking and risk management for operators within the coach & bus industry.



The Rochester Infobus.

## Rochester Infobus

The City Infobus is a specially converted double-decker equipped with the latest technology by City of Rochester upon Medway so that it can give advice to residents living in the remoter parts of the city. Two driver/receptionists have been given a comprehensive training course to help them deal with the public and if they cannot answer a query immediately, they can get in contact with the Civic Centre via the phones and fax on the bus.

The bulk of enquiries are expected to be about eligibility for benefits and queries over Council Tax. A number of other agencies, including social services, Medway Housing Society and Medway

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The bus will visit two villages or neighbourhood centres every weekday, working an eight-week rota, and posters will go up to encourage residents to make use of this facility. When not out and about offering information to residents, the bus doubles up as a mobile exhibition centre.

The project cost £70,000 but will allow the council to make significant savings both in the cost of renting accommodation in the villages and neighbourhood centres, which would have been the alternative, and in the cost of hiring exhibition trailers to take to shows and events.

## Warwick cleaning

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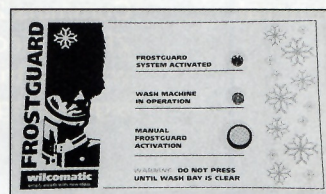
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